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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Diaz, Slater, Perez, and Walsh

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-72 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Children,
2 Youth, and Families" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-72-11.1. Safe child transportation.**

4 (a) In furtherance of the department's duties pursuant to this chapter, the department may
5 investigate the safety and condition of a motor vehicle used for the transportation of a child or
6 children by a public or private entity.

7 (b) In the event the department finds the vehicle to be unsafe, it shall:

8 (1) Allow for a suitable replacement vehicle to be substituted by the party responsible for
9 providing transportation; and

10 (2) In the event a substitute vehicle cannot be obtained within one hour of the initial
11 inspection, the department shall provide a suitable vehicle able to provide the necessary
12 transportation.

13 (c) All cost for the replacement vehicle provided by the department shall be recoverable
14 from the party responsible for the original transportation.

15 (d) This section shall not apply to private passenger vehicles used by a parent or
16 guardian.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would authorize the department of children, youth and families to inspect certain
2 vehicles, and if necessary, provide alternate, safe transportation to or from a public or private
3 entity.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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